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Applicants: S. Fujiwara et al.

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For: ELECTRONIC DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: Budd, M.

RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2006, in connection with the above-identified application.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 19-31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0100164 A1 (Murata et al.). Claims 6 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murata et al. Applicants traverse this rejection and request reconsideration thereof.

In the first place, the Murata et al. publication is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) since its publication date (May 27, 2004) is after Applicants' U.S. filing date (January 5, 2004). To the extent the Murata et al. publication is prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), it is submitted Applicants can overcome the effective date of this publication (its filing date of November 17, 2003) by relying on their claimed

Japanese priority application number 2003-000789, filed January 7, 2003. A certified copy of Applicants' priority document has already been received and acknowledged by the Examiner. Applicants are submitting herewith an English translation of Japanese application number 2003-000789 certified to be accurate by the translator. Applicants submit Japanese priority application number 2003-000789 supports the claimed invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants are entitled to their claimed priority date of January 7, 2003, which date is prior to the U.S. filing date of Murata et al.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted the Murata et al. publication is not prior art to the presently claimed invention.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the attached English language translation, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now in the application are requested.

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To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.43397X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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